

STATE COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS ASSOCIATION DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "State Commanders and Adjutants Association, Disabled American Veterans".

ARTICLE II - Purpose

To promote the aims and purposes of the National and State organizations of the Disabled American Veterans.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Any member of the Disabled American Veterans who is, or who has been, a State Commander or Adjutant is eligible for membership in the State Commanders and Adjutants Association. Members of the State Commanders and Adjutants Association shall be members in good standing of the Disabled American Veterans. Members that have had their membership terminated either through expulsion from the Disabled American Veterans in proceedings conducted in accordance with the National Bylaws or through individual resignation from the Disabled American Veterans shall be terminated as members of the State Commanders and Adjutants Association. There shall be no refund of dues to these individuals.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section 1. Each meeting of the State Commanders and Adjutants Association held in conjunction with the National Convention shall elect a President, Vice President, and Executive Committee members as prescribed by the Bylaws.

Section 2. No person shall succeed themselves as President.

ARTICLE V - Amendments

Section 1. Consideration for all proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the Executive Committee, who will make their recommendations to the next regular meeting.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any regularly constituted meeting with a quorum being present, by three-fourths (3/4) of those present and voting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - Appointments

The President shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Officer-of-the Day, Sergeant-at-Arms, and such other officers and committees as deemed necessary, subject to the approval of the Association body.

ARTICLE II - Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, and six elected Executive Committee members whose terms shall be for one year. No more than one elected executive committee member shall be from the same State Department unless no other individuals from other states are seeking election. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as an ex-officio member without voting rights.

Section 2. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Executive Committee. If the President is unable to be present, the Vice President shall be the presiding officer.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be the recommending body of the association.

ARTICLE III - Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the Office of President, for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President. A special election shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting (other than the National Convention meeting) to elect a new Vice President.

ARTICLE IV - Legislation

The supreme legislative power of this organization shall be vested in the Association meetings, which shall be composed of the Association Officers and members.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Section 1. The Association shall meet semi-annually.

Section 2. A meeting shall be held in conjunction with the National Convention of the Disabled American Veterans. A second meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Disabled American Veterans Mid-Winter Conference.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President by action of the Association at a prior meeting or by written request from members of the Association representing fifteen (15) States and three (3) elected officers.

Section 4. The Association Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of the next meeting at least thirty (30) days in advance of each meeting. Posting this information on the C&A website shall satisfy this requirement.

Section 5. A quorum for an Association meeting shall be members representing twenty-six (26) States and three (3) elected officers.

Section 6. The President shall preside over all meetings and in his absence the Vice President shall preside. In the absence of the Vice President, a chairperson shall be elected from the members present.

Section 7. Every member of the Association is entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 8. Any member of the Disabled American Veterans, not a member of the Association, shall be allowed to attend the Association meetings, without voice or vote. Permission to speak may be granted to non-members or visitors by the President, with the consent of the members present.

Section 9. All meetings of the Association shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, unless provided for in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - Elections

Section 1. Annually the State Commanders and Adjutants Association shall elect a President and Vice President. Six Executive Committee members shall be elected to one-year terms.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting to evaluate candidates for all elected offices and recommend a slate of officers to the membership. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of not less than 5 members one of whom shall be the Immediate Past President of the Association.

Section 3. Nominations may also be received from the floor.

ARTICLE VII - Finances

Section 1. The financial and membership year shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of the following year.

Section 2. The dues of this Association shall be as determined by the Executive Committee and ratified by the membership. All dues are for Life Membership; there are no Annual memberships issued by the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall issue a suitable Life Membership card and a name badge to each new member.

Section 3. There shall be a minimum registration fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per member at all meetings.

Section 4. All funds shall be deposited in a checking account with a recognized banking institution and withdrawals by check which shall bear one (1) signature, the President or Vice President or Secretary-Treasurer. A change of designated banking institution(s) shall be approved by the Executive Committee

Section 5. No funds shall be withdrawn from the bank accounts without the authority of the Association at a regularly constituted meeting, except the Secretary-Treasurer shall be permitted the use of a petty cash account of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds, keeping accurate records of all receipts and disbursements and be prepared to give a statement of the condition of the Treasury at each meeting.

Section 7. An Audit Committee, of at least three (3) members shall be appointed to audit the Treasurer's books annually and submit a report to the Association prior to the installation of the newly elected officers.

Section 8. A Finance Committee, of at least three (3) members, shall be appointed to set the budget for the ensuing year and report said budget to the annual meeting of the Association, held in conjunction with the National Convention, for the approval of the Association members present.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

Section 1. Consideration for all proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the Executive Committee, who will make their recommendations to the next regular meeting.

Section 2. These Bylaws may be amended at any regularly constituted meeting with a quorum being present, by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting.

ADOPTED AT THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING (NATIONAL CONVENTION)